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**AS 14 PERISHED IN FLAMING AIRLINER**  
Flames consumed a Northwest Airlines plane, crashed near Moorhead, Minn., and burned to death 14 persons trapped in the wreckage. The pilot, thrown clear as the liner struck the earth, was the sole survivor. The plane, flying through fog and mist, was bound from Chicago to Seattle.—Central Press Photo.

## CAB OPENS QUIZ OF AIR TRAGEDY

Scant Facts Hamper Probe Of Crash Which Took 20 More Lives

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Three inspectors of the U. S. Civil Aeronautics board took over tonight the investigation into the unexplained crash of an American Airlines transport plane which plunged 17 passengers and three crew members to death in an oat field Thursday night.

As a meager beginning from which to work, the investigators had a last radio report from the plane, only a few minutes before it crashed, and the statements of a farmer and his wife who saw the big 21-passenger Douglas smash and burst into flames 200 yards from their home.

Latest report from Pilot David I. Cooper, 34, of Plandome, N. Y., said everything was normal at 9 p.m. when the plane was at 4,000 feet over Jarvis, Ont., on the Buffalo-Detroit leg of the airline's regular New York to Chicago service.

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## TWO MISSING FLIERS SAFE

Signal Fire On Rugged Sierra Peek Guides Rescue Party

FRESNO, Calif., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Two young Army aviators who parachuted from their storm-trapped planes into the mountain wilderness of the High Sierra, there to survive a week of storms and exposure, were rushed to an Army hospital tonight.

Ground crew men rescued Lieut. Jack C. West and Leonard C. Lyon from the side of 10,400-foot Barton peak during the afternoon. The party was met in Kings Canyon National park by Supt. E. T. Scroyen, who later told newsmen:

"I shook hands with the two boys. One of them looked pretty thin and tired. The other seemed to be in good shape."

Their safety was established yesterday.

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## Chief Executive Leaves For Hyde Park Weekend

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt departed by special train today for his home at Hyde Park, N. Y., where W. L. Mackenzie King, Canadian prime minister, will be a weekend guest.

The two are old friends and the prime minister's secretary has said it would be only a personal visit.

Crown Princess Juliana of the Netherlands and her two children also will be weekend guests at Hyde Park.



**PILOT SOLE SURVIVOR AS 14 DIE IN PLANE CRASH**  
Alden Onsgard (left) co-pilot, and Bernice Blowers (center) stewardess, were among the 14 persons killed as a Northwest Airlines plane crashed near Moorhead, Minn. The plane, flying through fog and mist, was bound from Chicago to Seattle. Only survivor was Capt. Clarence Bates (right) who was thrown clear.—Central Press Photo.

## Nazis Bugged Down Except In Crimea

**Vital Black Sea Port Of Sevastopol Apparent Goal Of German Thrust Southward**

LONDON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Soviet dispatches reported tonight that Hitler's supreme offensive on Moscow had fallen off today—the 30th day of the grand campaign which he said was to bring a great decision at the Russian center—to mere local attacks in all sectors except one.

In this single region of present active menace—that limited on its northern extremity by Kalinin, 95 miles northwest of Moscow, and extending to the south somewhere about Volokolamsk, which is 65 miles above the capital—the invader was declared still beating tirelessly at the Red line with infantry and tank charges.

But, even there, said the official Soviet news agency, the advance was checked by heavy and repeated Russian counter-attacks.

The Red air arm was said to be still in heavy action in this area. In other sectors, and especially to the west and southwest of the capital, the Red armies were said not only to be holding their positions.

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## DE GAULLE CALL APPARENT FLOP

**No Incidents In Occupied France Reported After Strike Summons**

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The Frenchmen of Pétain and the new order turned their backs today on General Charles de Gaulle's plea for a five-minute standstill protest against the execution of French hostages by the Germans.

Extent of the response by other Frenchmen in the unoccupied zone could not be judged impartially, but at least there were no reports of untoward incidents.

(A DNB dispatch from Paris to Berlin said that the streets of that occupied capital presented their usual appearance at the appointed time and that no incidents had been reported by early evening.)

If what could be seen of Vichy's response was typical, the De Gaulle call was a failure in the unoccupied zone.

What could be learned of the

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## Sailors' Wives Wait Tensely For News Of Mates Aboard James

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Sixty sailors' wives were torn between fear and hope tonight as they awaited word of their husbands, approximately half the crewmen of the torpedoed Reuben James.

They stood together at newspaper and telegraph offices, waiting tensely for news.

Mrs. Margaret James, of Hickory, N. C., wife of First Class Metal Worker Vance T. James, said:

"I feel that he is living and I will never give up the idea."

## City Protests First Ship Honoring S. C. Hero

Protest against naming of the first of 37 cargo-vessels, now under construction or under contract to be built here for the United States Maritime commission, in honor of a South Carolinian instead of a North Carolinian was made Friday by the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, the city of Wilmington and other civic organizations.

now is nearing completion and is scheduled to be launched in the near future.

It has been named the 'Francis Marion,' in honor of South Carolina's famed 'Swamp Fox,' according to information here.

The Chamber of Commerce's telegram, addressed to Ad. Emory S. Land, chairman of the commission, suggested that this honor

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## Air Firm Reopened By Army

**Production Is Immediately Resumed In Struck Bendix Plant**

### COAL TALKS SET

BENDIX, N. J., Oct. 31.—(AP)—The bayonet-encircled plant of Air Associates, Inc., hummed tonight with defense production under stern guard of 2,100 soldiers who poured into the strike-torn area during the early morning.

"The machines are turning in the shop and shipments already have been made of critical material," Col. Roy M. Jones, Army Air corps officer in charge of federal operation of the aircraft factory, announced.

Almost 600 of the plant's normal complement of 750 have been

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## 44 Sailors Aboard Destroyer Reuben James Reported Saved

### SENATE ANGRILY WRANGLES OVER NEUTRALITY LAW

**Aiken Charges Roosevelt 'Personally' Responsible For Sinking**

### BARKLEY DEFENDS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Torpedoing of the destroyer Reuben James produced a bitter row today in the Senate, where Majority Leader Barkley (Ky) angrily disputed a statement that President Roosevelt was "personally responsible" for any lives lost.

The charge of presidential responsibility was made by Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) during debate on the question of lifting the Neutrality act's restrictions on shipping, and Barkley immediately cried that the accusation was "unfair."

Reading in a loud voice from a prepared statement, Aiken charged that President Roosevelt, "without the knowledge or consent of Congress," had given orders to the Navy to "hunt down and sink ships of another nation with which we are not legally at war."

This was done, Aiken said, despite the fact that congress had been given assurances that the navy would not engage in convoying.

Then Aiken cited the torpedoing

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**FIRST NEWS OF REUBEN JAMES**  
RAF Group Captain D. F. Anderson, guest speaker at the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce membership banquet Friday night, received first news of the sinking of the United States destroyer Reuben James when he arrived here late in the afternoon with his American-born wife, the former Miss Alma Chamberlain of Tarrytown, N. Y., and Howard Suttle, Washington correspondent of the Star-News. The three are shown above, reading the Wilmington News' story of the sinking. Captain Anderson is at left, Mrs. Anderson, center, and Mr. Suttle, right.

## OPM BLACKOUT INTO EFFECT

**Southern Sectors Urged To Full Cooperation In Conservation**

ATLANTA, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Decorative lighting was blacked out tonight as the Office of Production Management's power curtailment order went into effect for non-essential services.

J. A. Krug, chief of the OPM's power section, who arrived today to set up administration and enforcement of the order in the southeast, also asked individual consumers to conserve electricity in view of the defense power shortage.

The order covers all kinds of window-lighting and electric signs, as well as field lighting for athletic games, but Krug said the order would not be applied to games scheduled this weekend.

Krug, said a committee of state utilities commissioners headed by Chairman Walter R. McDonald of

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## VOTING BOOKS OPENED TODAY

**Electors Urged To File For Special Polls On Civic Work**

Registration books will be opened throughout Wilmington Saturday for voters to register for the special election, Dec. 2, on various civic improvements and additions totalling approximately \$755,000.

Announcement that the books would be open at the various polling places from a.m. to 6 p.m. was made by City Clerk J. R. Benson, who, at the same time, voiced an appeal for all qualified voters to register, regardless of their views on the various projects.

The improvements and projects include: Incinerator, \$100,000; water works extension, \$525,000; sanitary sewers, \$35,000; storm sewers, \$75,000; purchase of land and development for public parks, \$25,000.

## U. S. Planes Sound Hitler Death Knell

**Captain Anderson, Noted RAF Ace, Assures Chamber Nazi Tyranny Nearing End**

American-made warplanes, now beginning to wing their way across the Atlantic, with hundreds scheduled to make the trip weekly, will sound the death knell for Adolf Hitler and his band of German killers.

Such was the message brought to Wilmington Friday night by Group Captain D. F. Anderson, RAF officer stationed in Washington in charge of ferrying aircraft overseas in an address to the membership banquet of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

"When these planes—and I must say that they are mighty good ships—reach England in sufficient quantity, I think we can say that the knell of Hitler has rung!" Captain Anderson, said amid applause from the jammed banquet hall at the Cape Fear hotel.

Attired in a blue-gray uniform, with the wings of the RAF over his heart, the well-built, baldish Englishman told his audience how America's effort is helping Great Britain win the war and how Hitler's Luftwaffe had been unsuccessful in its effort to bomb England into submission.

The speaker was introduced by Harris Newman, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce reorganization committee. He paid a glowing tribute to the RAF—"that lit band of heroes who blasted Hitler's hopes of invading the British Isles." At the conclusion of his

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## GESTAPO LINKED TO SPY SUSPECT

**Defendant Says Relatives Threatened Unless He Sold Bombsight**

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(AP)—His face swollen by weeks of weeping, Hermann Lang, 40, one of 15 men on trial for espionage conspiracy, testified today that he was hounded by Gestapo agents in Germany and that they threatened to harm his family if he had lied in denying knowledge of the American Norden bombsight.

Lang, an inspector in the Carl L. Norden concern, said he took his wife to Germany June 9, 1938, returned to New York the following Sept. 23, and advised his employer that a doctor had ordered the trip for his wife for her health.

The government charged that while there he sold particulars of the Norden bombsight.

Eight weeks before leaving New

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## American Flier Dies While On Mercy Hop

HONOLULU, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Lieut. Henry Ellison Thompson, 24, was killed today in the plunge of his Army pursuit plane into the sea during a search for another Army flier who had been forced to bail out from his ship over the water.

The parachuting flier, Lieut. A. J. Feiler, 24, was rescued by Capt. Aaron W. Tyler, pilot of an amphibian plane. Tyler put his plane down on the water near where Feiler had alighted.

## Teacher Parley Ends In Officer Election

About 1,500 teachers and school officials wound up their convention of the Southeastern district, North Carolina Teachers association, here Friday night with a session at New Hanover High school.

All schools in the county were closed during the day for the event.

The transaction of business began at 10 a. m., Friday, in the school auditorium. Principal speaker was Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction.

The convention closed following

## SEVEN OFFICERS AND 70 CREWMEN STILL MISSING

**U. S. Warship Torpedoed While On Convoy Patrol In North Atlantic**

### CAPITAL EXCITED

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The Navy tersely announced the rescue of 44 members of the crew of the American destroyer Reuben James tonight, leaving the fate of some 70 more enlisted men and seven officers still the subject of anxious waiting and inquiry.

But, beyond this and the fact that the ship had been torpedoed and sunk west of Iceland—the first American naval vessel to be sent to the bottom since the war started—the department still was without information.

Presumably, several ships may have taken part in the rescue work, for the Reuben James was on convoy duty, and most commonly advanced theory for the lack of news was that rescue ships were making no radio reports for fear of disclosing their positions to Nazi submarines.

The first word of the incident was received this morning in a short, matter-of-fact statement from the Navy.

Tonight, almost 12 hours later, it had this to add:

"The Navy department has received a report that 44 members of the crew of the U. S. S. Reuben James have been rescued. The

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## BRITISH CLAIM U-BOAT WAR ON

**U. S. Warned To Anticipate Further Submarine Attacks On Vessels**

LONDON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Sinking of the U. S. destroyer Reuben James, following attacks on the American destroyers Greer and Kearny, was described by an authoritative British spokesman tonight as a clear indication that Germany already is waging "indiscriminate warfare against the United States."

Furthermore, this spokesman observed, "the United States can expect heavier and heavier attacks against her shipping west of Iceland."

The German submarines, he said, have supply ships which can operate in the vicinity of Baffin bay, which lies above the Arctic Circle off the west coast of Greenland, while the U-boats, themselves, have been improved to give a wider operating range.

Germany recently has concentrated on making submarines of from 500 to 800 tons with a range of from 8,000 to 10,000 miles, the spokesman said.

An "enormous" German submarine fleet, he said, has been sent into the North Atlantic and observed that Germany "cannot really reach her objective unless she goes for such shipping."

## 1,222 More Marines Arrive At New River

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Approximately 1,222 Marines of the 11th division arrived at New River today from Parris Island, S. C., making the strength of the station about 8,200.

Members of the Fifth, Seventh and 11th Marines compose the First division of the Fleet Marine Force, commanded by Brig.-Gen. Phillip G. Torrey.

## CZECHS EXECUTED

BERLIN, Oct. 31.—(AP)—DNB reported tonight that four more Czechs were executed in Prague today as members of a group active in sabotage and incineration.

## Ickes Says Jesse Jones 'Forcing' ALCOA Plant

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes, defense investigators heard today, has accused his fellow cabinet-member, Jesse Jones, of an attempt at "forcing my hand into the signing of a contract that would not be in the public interest."

This accusation was contained in a letter written by Ickes to Jones, Federal Loan administrator and Secretary of Commerce, on Sept. 2, protesting a contract between the Defense Plant Corp. and

the Aluminum Company of America for construction and operation of new production facilities.

"Frankly," Ickes wrote his colleague, "I would be reflecting on your intelligence if I supposed for a minute that you did not have in mind the dilemma in which I would find myself when the demand was made upon me to sign on the dotted line an onerous and unconscionable contract, or ruin the

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## WEATHER

**FORECAST**  
North Carolina: Cloudy, occasional rain Saturday and Saturday night in east portion Sunday; clearing in west portion Sunday with falling temperatures, rain heavy in mountains Saturday night, otherwise light.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)  
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)

Temperature	
1:30 a. m. 62; 7:30 a. m. 63; 1:30 p. m. 78; 7:30 p. m. 71; maximum 59; minimum 79; mean 69; normal 61.	
Humidity	
1:30 a. m. 85; 7:30 a. m. 95; 1:30 p. m. 50; 7:30 p. m. 87.	
Precipitation	
Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches. Total since the first of the month 0.65 inches.	
Tides For Today	
(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)	
Wilmington High 7:41a Low 2:20a	
5:40p 2:49p	
Masonboro Inlet High 5:41a Low 11:51a	
6:02p 1:02p	
Sunrise 6:22a; sunset 5:20p; moonrise 4:16p; moonset 4:12a.	
Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., 9.15 feet.	

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